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Provides relative to fees for hunting and fishing licenses paid by surviving spouses of members of the military killed in action

Proposed law provides that any resident of Louisiana who is the surviving spouse of a member of the U.S. Armed Forces, the Louisiana Army National Guard, or the Louisiana Air National Guard who was killed in action shall be issued all hunting licenses and permits for a total fee of \$2.50 and recreational and saltwater fishing license for a total fee of \$2.50.

EXPENDITURES	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	SEE BELOW	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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Ded./Other	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation will result in a one-time increase in programming costs of approximately \$3,600 in FY 15 to adjust the fees in the electronic licensing system. The department’s existing vendor currently charges approximately \$90 per hour for programming and the department estimates approximately 40 hours of work is necessary to make these changes (40 hours x \$90 = \$3,600). The Legislative Fiscal Office believes that any additional IT work associated with this legislation will be incremental in nature, and that the department can potentially accomplish these tasks utilizing existing resources and budget authority. To the extent that numerous pieces of legislation are enacted that require additional programming efforts, the department may require additional resources.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation would have a negative impact on Conservation Fund revenues due to the possible decrease of hunting licenses, recreational and saltwater fishing license fees. The impact is indeterminable at this time because statistics on the number of surviving spouses of members of the military killed in action is not tracked. In addition, the number of these people who currently purchase hunting and fishing licenses, is not tracked. The current fees for the various licenses that would be impacted by the proposed legislation is \$5.00 to \$15.00. Although the revenue generated per license would decrease, to the extent the decrease in cost encourages the purchase of additional licenses the anticipated revenue decrease may be partially offset.